



AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



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Quiz

1. Which document is considered the first of the five liberty charters that led to the U.S. Constitution?
 - a) Magna Carta
 - b) English Bill of Rights
 - c) Charter of Liberties
 - d) Declaration of Independence
2. What was the main issue colonists had with the taxes imposed by Great Britain?
 - a) The tax rates were too high
 - b) They were taxed without representation in Parliament
 - c) The taxes only applied to wealthy colonists
 - d) The taxes were collected in British pounds
3. What were "writs of assistance"?
 - a) Financial aid from the British government
 - b) Permits to start a business
 - c) Handwritten warrants allowing arbitrary searches
 - d) Documents granting colonial representation in Parliament
4. Who was James Otis Jr.?
 - a) A British general
 - b) The King of England
 - c) An attorney who became a whistleblower against British policies
 - d) The first President of the United States
5. What was the purpose of the Committees of Correspondence?
 - a) To organize social events in the colonies
 - b) To collect taxes for the British government
 - c) To disseminate truth and prevent government manipulation of information
 - d) To recruit soldiers for the British army



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6. What was the Declaratory Act?

- a) A document declaring American independence
- b) An act repealing all taxes on the colonies
- c) A law giving Parliament authority to make laws for the colonies "in all cases whatsoever"
- d) An agreement between colonists and the British government

7. Why did the colonists throw tea into the Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party?

- a) They disliked the taste of British tea
- b) As a protest against mandated purchases from the East India Company
- c) To create a giant cup of tea in the harbor
- d) To destroy evidence of smuggling

8. How did Governor Thomas Gage attempt to control the colonists?

- a) By offering them more representation in Parliament
- b) By lowering taxes
- c) By confiscating ammunition and limiting public meetings
- d) By allowing more freedom of speech

9. Who organized the women's tea party in Edenton, North Carolina?

- a) Abigail Adams
- b) Penelope Barker
- c) Martha Washington
- d) Betsy Ross

10. What famous quote is attributed to Mercy Otis Warren?

- a) "Give me liberty or give me death"
- b) "We will stand against tyranny today, or our children will bow tomorrow"
- c) "Don't tread on me"
- d) "No taxation without representation"



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Discussion

1. How did the colonial experience with British rule influence the formation of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights? Provide specific examples from the text.
2. Compare and contrast the methods of protest used by the colonists (such as the Boston Tea Party and the women's tea party in Edenton) with modern forms of political protest. What similarities and differences do you see?
3. The text mentions that the colonists viewed mandated purchases as a form of slavery. Discuss the concept of economic freedom and how it relates to personal liberty. Do you agree with the colonists' perspective?
4. Analyze the role of information dissemination in the American Revolution, focusing on the Committees of Correspondence and Paul Revere's ride. How does this compare to the spread of information in today's digital age?
5. The passage describes several instances where colonists chose to defy British laws and regulations. Discuss the concept of civil disobedience and when, if ever, it might be justified to break the law in pursuit of a greater cause.



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Answers

1. C
2. B
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